



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

BURNE ET AL.

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2001, Paper No. 4. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to September 14, 2001. The appropriate petition fee of \$890.00 is enclosed herewith. Please amend the application as indicated below, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto:

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